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PETITION
OF

Divers well affected Magistrates,
Ministers, Citizens and other in-
habitants in the City of London,
and parts adjacent,

Presented to the House of Peeres, on
Wednesday the 12 of July, 1648.

With their Lordships Answer thereunto.

Die Mercurii, 12. Julii. 1648.

O Rdered by the Lords Assembled in Parliament
that this Petition and Answer be forthwith
printed and published.

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

London Printed for John Wright, at the
Kings Head in the Old-Bayley. 1648.

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PETITION OF

Divers well affected Magistrates,
Ministers, Citizens and others in
Parliament in the City of London
and the County of Middlesex

Presented to the House of Peers, on
Wednesday the 10th of July 1648.
With their Lordships Answer therunto.

By Mr. Smith, 10. July 1648.

Ordered by the Lords Assembled in Parliament
that this Petition and Answer be forthwith
printed and published.
John Frowde, Clerk of Parliament.

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To the Right Honourable the Lords and
Commons in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of divers well affected Magistrates,
Ministers, Citizens, and other Inhabitants in the City
of London and parts adjacent.

Sheweth :

That we cannot but take notice of
the many obstructions you have
met withall, whilst with inde-
fatigable care and diligence you
have been earnestly labouring
and endeavouring the deliverance of the people
of this Kingdome from those many and great
Invasions made, and much more intended upon
our religious and Civill Liberties, had not you
(assisted by the Almighty God) interposed,
for which we cannot but render all humble and
heartly thanks; and now finding the same evill
spirit

spirit reviving, and working much more strongly and effectually, though much more closely and cunningly, under specious pretences, attempting that by subtilty, which they through the goodnesse of our God could not obtaine by power, using such things as an occasion and meanes to divide, which at first were ordained for the uniting of all the godly and honest people of the three Kingdomes, upon safe and just Principles (*viz*) the Protestation of *May*, 1641. the Vow in *June*, 1643. and the Solemn League and Covenant in *February*, 1643. and other your severall Votes and Declarations to the same effect, although your Petitioners doe most heartily desire a right understanding, and happy reconcilment between the King and Parliament, yet it is farre from the thoughts of the Petitioners (and they hope of any others, that have lately out of good affection petitioned for a Personall Treaty) to make use of the Tumults, Commotions, Revolts of Castles and Ships, (thereby ingaging the Kingdome in a new War) or of any other difficulties the Parliament hath been or may be exposed unto, to precipitate their Counsells, or to destroy their Forces that now are, or
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hereafter shall be made, being (as the Petitioners humbly conceive) contrary to their said Protestation, Vow, and Covenant, and it is also to necessitate the Parliament to a Treaty, untill such satisfaction and security be first given as may attaine the ends of your former Engagements.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, That you will adhere to their said Protestation, Vow and Covenant, and to the constant renour of all your former Declarations, and not recede for those first and just principles (viz) the safety, of your selves, and all that have, and shall adhere to you, and the Reformation and Preservation of Religion, and the maintenance and defence of our Lawes and Liberties, which you have openly held forth to all the world, and by which you have engaged all the honest and well affected people of the three Kingdomes to serve you with their lives and estates, lest you betray your selves and them to the mercilesse cruelties of those that seeke your and their destruction, and draw the blood of many

many innocent persons upon you and
 yours. For prevention whereof your Petitioners fur-
 ther humbly desire you will faithfully per-
 sever in the due prosecution of your said
 just undertakings and engagements, and that
 such a course by your wisdomes, may be
 taken for security and satisfaction to be gi-
 ven as aforesaid, that neither his Majesty
 nor any other, may have occasion or oppor-
 tunity of renewing the old, or raising a new
 warre, and in so doing, that God who hath
 hitherto owned you and your cause, will
 assuredly doe so still, and we your Petition-
 ers with many thousands more (as formerly)
 shall be still ready in pursuance of the said
 Protestation, Vow and Covenant with their
 lives and estates, to adventure all with you
 and your forces in this Common cause a-
 gainst all opposition.

And we shall ever pray, &c.

The
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 and their destruction, and draw the blood of
 many



Their Lordships answer;

THe Lords have full confidence
of the faithfull Service and con-
stancy of you, who now have deliver-
ed this Petition, and they have com-
manded me to give you thanks for
your fidelity to the Parliament, and
to desire that in their names thanks
may be returned to all the rest of the
Petitioners, for the expression of their
good affections, and zeale for the ho-
nour and safety of the Parliament;
They have further commanded me
to assure you, that their indeavours
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shall be so to act, as that they may
 declare to the whole Kingdome their
 constant adhering to their protesta-
 tions, covenants, and covenants in the
 maintenance of the cause they are in-
 gaged in, and in the procuring and
 settling a safe and well grounded
 Peace.

The Lords have full confidence
 of the faithful service and con-
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 your fidelity to the Parliament, and
 to desire that in their names thanks
 may be returned to all the rest of the
 Petitioners, for the expression of their
 good affections, and zeale for the ho-
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 They have further commanded me
 to assure you, that their endeavours
 shall

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A DECLARATION

The Lords and Commons Assembled
in Parliament, for the vindication of *Ferdinando*
Lord of *Cax*, and divers other Knights and Gentle-
men, who were by *Henry* Earl of *Cumberland*, and *Wil-*
liam Earl of *Newcastle*, in two severall Proclama-
tions, falsely, maliciously, and Traiterously Proclai-
med TRAYTORS.

The Lords and Commons do further Declare
the sayd *Henry* Earl of *Cumberland*, and *William* Earle
of *Newcastle*, and all that shall assist them, or ei-
ther of them in their persons, or with Arms, Mo-
ney, Provision, or otherwise howsoever,
to be guilty of HIGH-TREASON.

Also, Requiring and Commanding all persons of what
estate, degree, or quality soever they be, as they
tender the good and prosperity of the true Prote-
stant Religion by Law established, and preservation
of themselves, their Laws and Liberties, and
as they will answer it before Almighty God,
that they do forthwith wholly and absolutely
withdraw themselves from the said Earl
of *NEVVCASTLE*, or any of the
Forces raised by him.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament,
That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published.
Hen. Elsyng. Cler. Parl. D. C.

LONDON, Printed for *John Franke*, and are to be sold at
his Shop next door to the *Kings-head* Tavern in
FLEET-STREET, February 4.

DECLARATION

Of the Lords and Commons Assembled
in Parliament for the vindication of Freedoms
and Liberties, and divers other Rights and Customs
of the Kingdom of Great Brittain, and Town of
Berkeley, in two several Petitions
presented to the said Parliament
and Town of Berkeley

The Lords and Commons do further Declare
that the said Henry Earl of Cambridge, and William Earl
of Arundell, and all that shall assist them, or ei-
ther of them in their persons, or with Arms Mo-
ved, or any other of their power, or
any of their adherents, shall be

Also, Requiring and Commanding all persons of what
estate, degree, or quality soever they be, as they
shall be bound by the good and propriety of the same
to the Religion by Law established, and protection
of themselves, their wives and children, and
all they will and shall do, and shall cause to be
done, to the full and free exercise of the
said Religion, and to the full and free
exercise of the said Liberties, Rights, and Customs

Ordered by the Lords and Commons, assembled in Parliament
that the said Declaration be printed, and that the
said Declaration be read in the said Parliament
and Town of Berkeley
And it is further ordered, that the said Declaration
be printed, and that the said Declaration be read
in the said Parliament and Town of Berkeley

A Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the Vindication of *Ferdinando Lord Fairfax*, and others imployed in their service.

Whereas *Henry* Earl of Cumberland, and *William* Earl of Newcastle, have not onely traitterously raised Warre against the Parliament; but likewise the said Earl of Newcastle, out of a wicked design to suppress the Protestant Religion, and to advance the Popish Idolatry and Superstition, hath raised and armed a great number of Papists, and having brought them together in the body of an Army, is become their head and Captain Generall; And further, in pursuance of that wicked designe, and for the terrify- ing and destroying of those who out of conscience and duty to God and the King- dom should oppose them in the executi- on thereof, they have by severall Procla-
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mations, that is to say, one bearing date the first of January last, under the name of the said Earle of Cumberland, and another dated the 17. of January last, under the name of the said Earle of Newcastle, falsly, maliciously, and trayterously published *Ferdinando Lord Fairfax Sir Thomas Fairfax Knight, Sir Edward Loftus Knight, Sir Mathew Boynton Knight and Baronet, Sir Henry Foulis & Sir Tho: Mauleverer, Barones, Sir Rich: Darley, Sir Christopher Wray, Sir Henry Anderson, Sir John Savile, Sir Edward Rodes, Sir Hugh Cholmly, Sir Thomas Rentington, and Sir Thomas Norcliffe, Knights, Iohn Hotham, William Lister, Thomas Hatcher, Iohn Legard of Malton, Iohn Dodsworth, Iohn Wastell, Iohn Peirse, Esquires; William White, Iohn Robinson, Arthur Beckwith, Thomas Robinson and Thomas Stockdale, Gentlemen, and divers others and all their adherents to be Traytors. The Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament, Do hereby declare that the said Ferdinando Lo: Fairfax is by them, or by authority derived frō them, appointed Capt: Generall of the*

to be raised for the
the Liberty of the
of the Parliament; And
whatsoever he or any of the persons a-
forenamed, or any under him or them
have done by vertue of that authority, they
have done lawfully, and according to that
duty which all good Subjects owe to God,
the King and their Country, and that they
shall for their so doing be maintained by
the power and authority of Parliament:
And they doe further authorize and re-
quire the sayd *Ferdinando Lord Fairfax*, the
sayd persons aforenamed, and all others
to continue and proceed in this so neces-
sary and acceptable a service, and that all
meanes may be used for the suppressing
that Army of Papists and persons Popish-
ly affected, now under the Command of
the sayd Earle of Newcastle; which evi-
dently threatens ruine and desolation to
our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, and
will (if not prevented) make us undergoe
those cruelties, rapines, spoylings, and
murtherings, that our brethren of Ireland
have

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have suffered by the Popish Rebels there,
which we must also expect from these, if
they be not timely and powerfully resi-
sted. The sayd Lords and Commons do
further declare, the sayd *Henry Earle of
Cumberland, & William Earle of Newcastle*, and
all that shall assist them, or either of them
in their persons, or with Arms, Mony,
Provision or otherwise howsoever, To be
guilty of high Treason, for raising Armes
against the Parl: & kingdom; and that the
sayd E: of *Newcastle* having made himselfe
head of a Popish party now in Armes,
hath thereby after a more horrid and
detestable manner, manifested himselfe to
be a Traytor, and an enemy to all true
Religion and goodnesse; And therefore
the sayd Lords and Commons do further
require and command all persons of what
estate, degree, or quality soever they bee,
as they tender the good and prosperity of
the true Protestant Religion by Law esta-
blished, and preservation of themselves,
their Laws and liberties, and as they will
answer it before Almighty God; That
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they do forthwith wholly and absolutely withdraw themselves from giving any ayd or assistance to the sayd Earl of Newcastle, or any of the Forces raised by him, or under his command, and that they fail not to give all ready and chearfull obedience and assistance to the command & authority of the sayd Lord *Fairfax*, so much conducing to the preservation of Religion; and to the peace of the County of *Yorke*, and the weale of the whole kingdom; Whereunto the Lords and Commons are confident that all persons which are, or desire to be accounted true Protestants, and rightly affected to Gods true Religion, the peace of the Kingdom, and the Liberty of the Subject (will to their utmost endeavours) willingly and resolutely, submit, conforme, and apply themselves.

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or under his command, and that they fail
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thority of the said Lord Fairfax; so much
conducive to the preservation of Reli-
gion; and to the peace of the County of
York, and the weale of the whole king-
dome; Whereunto the Lords and Com-
mons are confident that all persons which
are, or desire to be accounted true Protes-
tants, and rightly affected to Gods true
Religion, the peace of the Kingdom, and
the Liberty of the Subject (with their
utmost endeavours) willingly and reso-
lutely, submissively, conform, and apply
themselves.